

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78159

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Examiner: Jacky X. Zheng

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated May 14, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species VI, page 4, lines 4 to 13, for examination on which claims 5 and 10 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-15.

Applicant further respectfully traverses the election requirement. The claims as previously pending have already been examined on the merits. It is presumed that the Examiner has conducted a thorough search of the fields of the prior pending claims, and thus, there should be no burden. Applicant requests that all the claims be treated on the merits, as previously pending.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


Respectfully submitted,

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